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(57) Abstract

The invention pertains to nucleic acids encoding CNRE-binding polypeptides, including fragments and biologically functional variants thereof. The invention also pertains to therapeutics and diagnostics involving the foregoing proteins and genes and agents that bind the foregoing proteins and genes.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 424/185.1; 435/6, 320.1, 325, 375; 530/300, 350; 514/2, 44; 536/23.1, 23.5, 24.31, 24.5

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	WO 97/35018 A1 (NEW YORK UNIVERSITY) 25 September 1997, pages 83-84, see nucleotides 1187-1805 of SEQ. ID. NO: 1.	1 and 4
A	BARRETT et al. Identification of a Negative Regulatory Element Involved in Tissue-specific Expression of Mouse Renin Genes. Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, USA. February 1992, Vol. 89, pages 885-889, see entire document.	1-54
A	YAMADA et. al. In Vivo Identification of a Negative Regulatory Element in the Mouse Renin Gene using Direct Gene Transfer. Journal of Clinical Investigation. September 1996, Vol. 96, pages 1230-1237, see entire document.	1-54

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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
T,E	TOMITA et al. Transcription Factor Decoy to Study the Molecular Mechanism of Regulation of Renin Gene Expression in the Liver In Vivo. Circulation Research. 14 May 1999, pages 1059-1066, see entire document.	22-38

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

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☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING
This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-21, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding the CNREB-2 protein, the CNREB-2 protein, and a method of isolating nucleic acids encoding the CNREB-2 protein.

Group II, claim(s) 22-38, drawn to methods of using CNREB-1 inhibitors to decrease renin expression in a cell or in a subject.

Group III, claim(s) 39-54, drawn to methods of using a CNREB-1 activator to increase CNREB-1 activity in a cell or subject.

Group IV, claims 55-60, drawn to a method of determining CNREB-1 expression levels in a subject.

Group V, claims 61-79, drawn to a method of testing for alterations in the CNREB-1 sequence as a means of determining a subject's susceptibility to a renin-angiotensin mediated disorder.

Group VI, claims 80-84, drawn to a method of modulating c-myc expression by modulating CNREB-1 expression.

Group VII, claims 85-89, drawn to a method of modulating collagen type II expression by modulating CNREB-1 expression.

Group VIII, claims 90-94, drawn to a method of modulating T cell receptor expression by modulating CNREB-1 expression.

Group IX, claims 95-98, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a CNREB-1 inhibitor.

The inventions listed as Groups I-IX do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Under Rule 13 there is unity of invention between an independent claim for a composition, an independent claim for preparing a composition, and an independent claim for using the composition. Group I contains an independent claim to the nucleic acids encoding CNREB-2 protein and an independent claim to a method of isolating the nucleic acid encoding CNREB-2 protein. The remaining groups are drawn to methods relating to the CNREB-1 protein and its expression or to a composition comprising an inhibitor of the CNREB-1 protein The CNREB-1 and CNREB-2 proteins appear to be distinct compositions so that there is no common special technical feature linking the methods related to the CNREB-1 protein to the compositions related to the CNREB-2 protein. Therefore, the claims of groups I-IX do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.